

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A [[The]]~~method-of-claim 5, comprising:~~
~~receiving an image from an image capture device, in which the image capture~~
~~device generates an image of an area in which human activity is desired to be~~
~~substantially nonexistent;~~
~~determining information related to the area;~~
~~receiving a request for a first user to monitor;~~
~~receiving a user identifier;~~
~~verifying that the user identifier corresponds to the first user;~~
~~providing the first user with the image;~~
~~receiving a response to the image by the first user, in which the response is one~~
~~of: an indication that a human is present in the image, an indication that no human is~~
~~present in the image, and an indication of uncertainty whether a human is present in the~~
~~image;~~
~~providing additional users with the image;~~
~~receiving responses to the image by the additional users;~~
~~evaluating the received responses;~~
~~determining, based on the information related to the area, an entity to notify; and~~
~~notifying the entity.~~

19-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A method, comprising:
receiving a request to register a monitoring device associated with a site for a
remote monitoring service, wherein the remote monitoring service comprises:
(i) having data from the monitoring device monitored by a plurality of remote
guardians; and

(ii) determining a status of the site based on binary indications provided by one or more of the remote guardians from the plurality of remote guardians;

confirming, after the receiving of the request, communication with the monitoring device;

receiving an indication of a monitoring rule associated with the site; and

storing, after the receiving of the indication of the monitoring rule for the site, an indication of the association between the monitoring rule and the site.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
testing the monitoring device.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the testing comprises:
instructing an entity to adjust the monitoring device.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the testing comprises:
verifying one or more of visibility associated with the monitoring device and coverage gaps associated with the monitoring device.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the testing comprises:
establishing a threshold for motion detection associated with the monitoring device.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring rule comprises a requirement specifying a minimum number of remote guardians desired to monitor the site.

33. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring rule comprises a requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site defines a minimum desired rating for guardians that monitor the site.

35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site defines a minimum distance between the site and a residence of a guardian that monitors the site.

36. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site specifies that guardians be randomly selected.

37. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site specifies that a guardian can only monitor the data from the monitoring device a maximum number of times.

38. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the requirement specifying how to select remote guardians to monitor the site specifies that a probability of a remote guardian being selected to monitor the data from the monitoring device be based on a number of times that the remote guardian has previously monitored data from the monitoring device.

39. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring rule comprises a definition of one or more security thresholds associated with the site.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the definition of the one or more security thresholds associated with the site specifies a number of positive remote guardian binary determinations required to trigger an alarm condition.

41. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring rule specifies that measures should be taken to actively suppress the transmission of location specific information to remote guardians monitoring the site.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the active suppression measures comprise:
pre-screening data from the monitoring device; and
redacting the data to remove information relevant to the location of the site.

43. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the site comprises a computer system.

44. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device comprises a camera.

45. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device comprises a microphone.

46. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device comprises a network pattern software analysis tool.

47. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device is mounted to a pole erected at the site.

48. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device is mounted to a mobile vehicle.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the mobile vehicle comprises one or more of (i) a patrol car and (ii) an unmanned flying drone.

50. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monitoring device is situated to monitor a no-man zone at the site.

51. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein each remote guardian from the plurality of remote guardians comprises a member of the public that is unable to determine the identity of the site via participation in the remote monitoring service.

52. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving a request from a remote viewer to review images of objects;
selecting, after the receiving of the request to review images of objects, an image of an object from a plurality of available images of objects;
providing, after the selecting, the selected image of the object to the remote viewer;
requesting, after the receiving of the request to review images of objects, that the remote viewer provide an indication of whether the image of the object matches a reference image of a particular object; and
receiving, from the remote viewer, the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

recording, in the case that the indication from the remote viewer is indicative of a determination that the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object, one or more of a time and a position associated with the image of the object.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

triggering, in the case that the indication from the remote viewer is indicative of a determination that the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object, an alarm condition.

55. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object is received via an interface in which (i) the image of the object comprises one of a series of scrolling images of the plurality of available images of objects which are presented to the remote viewer via a first portion of the interface and (ii) the reference image is presented as a static image via a second portion of the interface that is different than the first portion of the interface.

56. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object comprises an indication of

a selection, by the remote viewer, of one of a first option presented via an interface and a second option presented via the interface, wherein the first option is indicative of a positive indication that the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object, and wherein the second option is indicative of a negative indication that the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object.

57. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the object comprises a human subject in a particular area and wherein the reference image comprises an image of a particular human.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the reference image of the particular human comprises an image of a fugitive.

59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the reference image of the particular human comprises an image of a missing person.

60. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the object comprises a product in an assembly line and wherein the reference image comprises a quality control image.

61. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving an image of an object from an image capture device situated in a particular area;

routing the image of the object to a plurality of remote viewers;

requesting that each remote viewer of the plurality of remote viewers provide an indication of whether the image of the object matches a reference image of a particular object; and

receiving, from each remote viewer of the plurality of remote viewers, the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object.

62. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving a request from a remote guardian to participate in a remote monitoring session;

selecting, after the receiving of the request to participate in the remote monitoring session, data from one of a plurality of available remote monitoring devices to provide to the remote guardian;

providing, after the selecting, the selected data to the remote guardian;

requesting, after receiving of the request to participate in the remote monitoring session, that the remote guardian provide an indication of whether any emergency exists at a location associated with the data;

receiving, from the remote guardian, the indication that an emergency exists at the location associated with the data; and

providing, based at least in part on the indication that the emergency exists at the location associated with the data, and to one or more humans at the location, real-time instructions associated with the emergency.

63. (New) The method of claim 62, further comprising:

triggering, based at least in part on the indication that the emergency exists at the location associated with the data, an alarm condition.

64. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the real-time instructions are provided via the selected one of the plurality of available monitoring devices.

65. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the real-time instructions are provided via one or more speakers at the location.

66. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the real-time instructions are defined by the remote guardian.

67. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the real-time instructions are provided by the remote guardian.

68. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the emergency comprises a fire and wherein the real-time instructions are defined to steer the one or more humans at the location away from an area of the location that is on fire.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the area of the location that is on fire comprises a particular room of a building associated with the location.

70. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the emergency comprises an intrusion and wherein the real-time instructions are defined to steer the one or more humans at the location away from an area of the location occupied by an intruder.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, wherein the area of the location that is occupied by the intruder comprises a particular room of a building associated with the location.

72. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the real-time instructions are customized by the remote guardian based on the emergency.

73. (New) The method of claim 62, further comprising:
providing, based at least in part on the indication that the emergency exists at the location associated with the data, one or more images of the location to the remote guardian.

74. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein the one or more images comprise one or more real-time images.

75. (New) The method of claim 62, further comprising:
providing, based at least in part on the indication that the emergency exists at the location associated with the data, one or more images of the location to one or more first responders associated with responding to the emergency.